

[54] **GABA ESTERS AND GABA ANALOG ESTERS**

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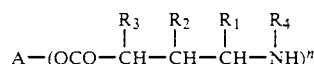
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Ester derivatives of gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) and GABA analogues which cross the blood-brain barrier are disclosed, as well as methods of synthesizing and using the compounds.

The ester derivatives have the formula:



where A is a radical compound having at least one esterifiable OH group; n varies from one to the total number of esterifiable OH group contained in A; and R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are hydrogen or a substituent.

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